

practicable mandarin in the capital. He cannot fail to derive from the change, profit from the experience and knowledge of local circumstances will stand him in good stead in future traverses with the Tampei Yamen though there is nothing about the British Minister to the Treaties and Hongkong which can be regarded as the light of a great or special effort, should be looked upon as anything but out of the way, yet as a matter or really is an exceptional event. His predecessors Sir Sir CLAUDE MACDONALD have ever succeeded in finding their way even so far south as Shanghai, the commercial metropolis of China, when passing through. Still it is the Ministers accredited to Peking who establishment of the Legation there managed to pay a visit to the ports, the West Coast ports, or This colony has usually been honoured by their presence only for the few hours steamer bringing them out or carrying

home has come in port. Most of the Ministers have regarded Hongkong as outside their jurisdiction, and probably considered that the Governor and the Colonial Office were quite competent to look after its interests without much other assistance.

And to some extent, no doubt, such a conclusion is a just one, but there are reasons why this colony should possess a special interest for the British Representative at Peking. The island, lying so close to the mouth of the Canton river, and within a stone's throw so to speak of one of the wealthiest and most populous provinces of South China, by virtue of which position it has become a vast depot of the trade with China, where Chinese can and do carry on business with perfect freedom from molestation and to their own great enrichment, must inevitably strike a clever diplomatist as being inseparably connected with the Chinese trade, and as meriting all the assistance and support he can give to it. There is good reason to believe that it has so impressed Sir CLAUDE MACDONALD, who undoubtedly sympathizes with its struggles and growth, partly owing, possibly, to his former association with it when stationed here as a subaltern in a line regiment some twenty years ago, and partly because he is able to appreciate its importance to Great Britain as a true centre as well as as a coaling station. Hongkong, on his arrival here, en route for his post at Peking gave him a cordial welcome because its residents believed that he was made of the right stuff and would sturdily champion British interests. Nor has that belief proved a fallacious one. Sir CLAUDE MACDONALD has exhibited a most commendable energy and tact during a period of diplomatic difficulty, and we have reason to believe that he will prove to have shown no little skill and ability in the recent negotiations which ended in the conclusion of the Burmah frontier Convention, under one of the provisions of which the West River was to be opened to foreign trade and steam navigation. The cession by China to France of the province or district of Kouanghsueh, it is stated, been compensated for by the rectification of the Burmah frontier and certain concessions in connection with railways and the frontier trade, and advantage was at the same time taken to press for the opening of the West River, which we need not doubt while benefiting foreign trade generally also specially benefit this colony.

We have therefore to congratulate the British Minister on the work performed, and also upon his breaking with the old traditions of the Legation and coming soon to learn by actual observation the state of affairs in the Treaty Ports. By this visit which we should like to see repeated annually Sir CLAUDE MACDONALD will be able to put himself in touch with the mercantile communities scattered in China whose interests he represents, and having learned something of their surroundings he will be the better able to grasp the questions which may come before him hereafter in discussion at Peking. It was largely due to the isolation from his countrymen in China in which he lived, that Sir JOHN WALSHAM achieved so little during his term of office.

Mr. B. C. G. Scott has relieved Mr. Christie as British Consul at Tientsin.

The delivery of the English mail was begun at 9.40 a.m. on Friday.

The N. P. steamer *Tacoma* left Tacoma this port via Japan on the 16th inst.

Mr. W. Noyan Morochono, Commissioner Customs at Paochi, is transferred to Amoy.

The new Japanese battleship *Fuji*, passed through the Suzo Canal on her way about the 8th inst.

Messrs. Birnie, Adams, Smart, Evans, & Co. were attacked and seriously knocked about by a gang of drunken Japanese coolies at Nagasaki on the 5th April.

Mr. Arthur Norman, proprietor of the *Rose Sea and Japanese Express* was adjudged insane and confined by Consul Jongfong Nagasaki on the 6th April.

H.M.S. the Empress Dowager, renovated by the Japanese at the Yokohama Palace on the 28th inst. and will remain there during summer.—*N. O. Daily News.*

The meeting of British Residents held at Shanghai on the 14th April to consider commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee celebrated Mr. Drummond's proposal for a National Day.

Tenders for steel rails and fastenings for Imperial Chinese Railway Administration opened at Tientsin on the 7th April. The lowest bid was sent by Mr. O. J. Tang, O.E.M. Works of Carnegie & Co., of Pittsburg, U.S.A.

All the steamers ordinarily plying between Hankow and Keelung, as well as those carrying rice for the starving districts in Eastern Szechuan. The junkers are pressed into the service too, so that all business on the Upper Yangtze is seriously disrupted.—*N. C. Daily News.*

The following is the sole reference to minutes of the Shanghai Municipal Council, the recent riots: "Whereupon the Mayor, Mr. Macdonald, moved that on Tuesday the 6th, on Wednesday the 7th, on Thursday the 8th, on Friday the 9th, at which it was discussed what measures should be taken with regard to these disturbances."

Dr. Eitel and his family left for Australia by the N. C. Co.'s steamer *Eritra*. Dr. Eitel goes on leave, and at the end of his leave he returns to the Consulate, in which for the last nineteen years held the position of Inspector of Schools and Head of the Police Department. Dr. Eitel is an excellent scholar and one of the best known of Chinese. In his educational policy he often had occasion to differ from his superiors, as regards his attitude towards Queen's College speaking of him as an "eccentric" and "idiot." He had longed for many years of health and hope that before him in life to enjoy his pension.

We take the following from the *N. C. Daily News*: "On the 14th April... We regret to record the death of M. Lalloumand, French Interpreter to the French Consulate-General, which occurred with painful suddenness Monday afternoon. One had just left the Consulate-General, shortly afterwards, for the purpose of dressing in order to pay a visit to the Taotai with his official car, when he fell down in his room and died. The cause of death has not yet been determined. The deceased gentleman was only 31 years of age, his widow who is in delicate health. He came to China in 1888 and had been stationed at Pootoochi since 1901. At Pootoochi Claude, he was engaged in the negotiation upon the French system, arriving here in 1902. He was subsequently appointed Assessor at the French Court. The body will be sent to France for interment."

The *C. S. steamer Empress of China* sailed from Yokohama at 1 p.m. on Friday, the 16th inst, for Vancouver, B.C.

The Japanese Government has protested strongly against the treatment of Japanese intending immigrants by Hawaii.

The M.M. steamer Yarra, with the next French mail, left Singapore on Saturday, at 4 p.m., for this port, via Saigon.

Mr. James Scott has been ordered to leave the British Consulate at Shanghai, from Mr. T. L. Dunlop, who goes home on leave.

The steamer *Carmanahshire*, from New York, left Singapore on Saturday morning, and may be expected here on or about the 23rd inst.

General Primo de Rivera, the new Spanish Governor-General, of the Philippines, was aboard the steamer, arriving Singapore on the *Montevideo* yesterday.

Taplow Court, near Maidenhead, has been taken over by the Government for the use of the King of Siam during his stay in England, which is expected to last about six weeks.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Northam Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:

G. C. Gernall & Co., Ltd., \$10

Mr. E. C. George, in his weekly share list dated 17th April, says:—A fair amount of transactions have been put through during the week under review, and rather more than the usual amount of business has been done. The Islands showing a steady improvement, while most Insurance stocks have declined.

It is reported by telegraphic advices from Jelatu, in the *Singapore Free Press*, that a case of treasure intended for the Jelatu Mining and Trading Co. has been found, on being opened, to contain 43 bars of iron, one stick, 99 bad dollars, and a place of seven thousand dollars in cash and notes.

Reports from native sources represent that the rising in Ezechuan, provoked by the families of the Chinese, has been spreading to some portions of Bupoh, has come to an end with the capture of Pang Kuo, the leader, who, with three of his brothers, his Houtenau Wai, and some thirty followers, has been executed. Their names are being "slung" process. — *N. C. Daily News*.

The *Singapore* publishes a report to the effect that the Chinese Government are negotiating a loan of 100 millions of dollars from the Hart, and that the security for the loan will be the entire likin receipts of the province of Kiangnan, the administration of which service will be under the Government in the meantime, leading the money. — *N. C. Daily News*.

The prospectus has been issued of the Shanghai and Truck and Transport Co., Limited, capital \$500,000, in 2,000 shares of \$25 each, with powers to increase the capital. The provisional directors are:—Messrs. F. W. Brown (Messrs. Taylor & Co.), G. L. Oburg (Messrs. Schiller & Co.), E. L. Moulton, L. M. Johnson, C. W. Doer, The Company has a large number of goods, merchandise, parcels, and packages, safely and expeditiously to and from the wharves and from place to place in and around Shanghai on trucks and vans drawn by ponies, etc.

Notice was given at Shanghai on the 10th April by circular and by advertisement in the evening papers of a special meeting of ratepayers to be held in the Aster Hotel, at 8 p.m., to discuss the collection of the license fee for horse ratters paying for hire, imposed by the annual Meeting of Ratepayers held on the 8th of March, 1897, and the new proposal of the Mayor of the Foreign Community of Shanghai, North of the Yangkingnan. There are ninety signatures to the requisition, in three columns, there being more than enough electors in the first column alone to call the meeting.

On Friday evening, about 6.15, a number of scavenging coolies in fags, Ti Hong Liao, complained about their feeding being hindered. They then commenced to quarrel with a man named Lo, and he picked up a lamp and threw it at one of the disaffected coolies, cutting it. P. C. McVieker, but by the intervention of Mr. W. S. W. was driven to the roof of the house and on the constable going up the refuge, leapt across a lane, but he failed in his purpose and fell to the pavement below and was instantly killed. A few months ago a similar fatality occurred in the same lane.

At Shanghai on Friday evening, 9th April, a gentleman was driving along the Yangtze Road and near the Cotton Cloth Mill were met by a gang of natives, estimated at about 250 in number, who, without warning or provocation, attacked the vehicle and on them. The gentlemen and the mafioo alighted for the purpose of keeping the half-maddened pony under control, but without success, as the frightened animal bolted down the road. The driver and one of the gentlemen somehow managed to get out of the vehicle and the mafioo held on to the reins until he at last brought the pony to a standstill. The lady fortunately escaped without injury. The mafioo then turned on the driver and was struck in other parts of the body by stones. The affair was reported to Yangtze Police Station and the Police is in it hand.

The annual general meeting of shareholders in the Hall & Holz Co., Limited, was held at Shanghai on the 14th April, Mr. F. W. S. presiding. The report was read and approved, and the directors agreed to the effect that the recommendation of the Directors as to the disposal of the profits of the Company as stated in the report, be adopted. Mr. Hayward was elected a director and Mr. G. Corner was re-appointed auditor to the Company for the current year. The proceedings terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman and Secretary.

The Board might have a pleasant trip home, following resolution was also unanimously agreed to:—That the sum of \$300 be expended by the Company in providing an anniversary party for the staff of the Company. Mr. W. S. W. was elected a director and Mr. G. Corner was re-appointed auditor to the Company for the current year. The proceedings terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman and Secretary.

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The P. & O. steamer *Southern* left Singapore for this port on the 16th inst., at 5 p.m.

A Post Office notification appears in the *Gazette* to the effect that the letter boxes on the tram cars have been discontinued.

The death rate last month was for the British and Foreign community, about 12 per cent, and for the Chinese community, 17.5.

The C. N. steamer *Olington*, from Australian Ports, left Port Darwin on Friday and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 25th inst.

The maximum temperature last month was 82.1, on the 31st, and the minimum 54.7, on the 2nd—the mean for the month being 63. The rainfall was 0.9 inch, on the 15th. The period of sunshine amounted to 71.7 hours; there were ten days when no sunshine was recorded.

Mr. H. B. Wedochow, G.M.G., Police Magistrate, returned to the colony on Friday by the P. & O. steamer *Cornwallis* and he resumed his duties at the Magistracy on Saturday morning.

Commander Hastings has gone back to the colony as the officer in chief capacity and energy should be consigned to a position where there is nothing for him to do.

The third class French courier *Eclair* arrived at Singapore on the 9th April. She came from France to the Far Eastern station to join the squadron of Rear-Admiral de Bedolleville. The *Eclair* is a first class cruiser of 1,650 h.p. She carries eight 14-in. 3-ton guns and six machine guns.

By kind permission of Col. Gordon and Officers of the 1st West Yorkshire Regiment the Band will play the following programme of music during the final tie for the Polo Tournament this afternoon at 4.45 p.m.—

Meech "Lorraine" Gane.
Hart "The Wren" Sidney Jones.
Falk "The Wren" Denare.
Yalse "Taramula" W. G. Bentley.
Selection "The Mikado" Sullivan.
God save the Queen.

On Saturday morning a court-martial was held on board H.M.S. *Albatross*. The Court was composed of Captain Legin (President), Commanders F. W. Wyler, Smith, Dorian, A. Henderson, and Wade, and was four-fifths of assailing his superior officers and also years' imprisonment and dismissed the service. Harrington was sent to goal for twelve months for assaulting his superior officer.

The report of the China Export-Import and Bank Company's account for the year 1896 shows a net profit of m.190,000, out of which it is proposed to pay a dividend of 12 per cent, and to add m.20,000 to the reserve fund. The total of the reserves to m.242,000.

The report points out that the markets in China and Japan are in many ways overstocked, and calls attention to the fact that in consequence of the formation of a gold standard for Japan.

A party of six Europeans sent out by a Liverpool Salvage Association arrived at Singapore on the 28th April, on the 8th April. They have been sent out to try and find the Compagnie Nationale's steamer *Canton*, which stranded in the Tonkin Bay on the 29th January, while en route from Haiphong to Saigon.

The party brought out their pumps and salvage appliances with them, and there is every prospect that their expedition will be successful.—*Free Press*.

A rather awkward accident happened at the Napier Ladies Golf Club, Singapore, on the 8th April, that might easily have turned out worse than it did. On the 8th M. S. Stephens, drove a ball which luckily struck Lieut. Stephens, of the same ship, on the edge of the forehead over the right eye. Mr. Stephens recovered to the ground like a man, and was immediately taken to the Hospital, where he was treated and picked him up. The wound was as one dressed at the Hospital, and Mr. Stephens seems to be likely to suffer no bad after effects from what narrowly escaped being a serious injury.—*Free Press*.

A serious collision occurred off the Associated Steamship Co.'s steamer *Warraco*, on Friday, the 28th April, at Shanghai, on the 10th April. The steamers *Warraco* and *Warraco* were the former of the latter, which was bound for Hong Kong when the *Katzen*, which was inward-bound, attempting to clear a large junk steering across the river run into her. Both vessels were damaged. The *Katzen*'s foremast being smashed, while the *Warraco*'s stem was badly twisted and several plates stove in. Both ships will have to be docked and it is estimated that about a fortnight will be required to effect the necessary repairs.

The annual meeting promoted by the Hongkong Rifle Association, took place on Friday evening, the 28th inst., at the Hotel. The weather on the first day was fine, but the wind was very strong, while on Saturday rain completely spoilt all enjoyment and robbed the events much interest. Only the whole of the afternoon was fairly fair, but the rest of the day features being a possible which was scored.

Mr. F. Sturges in the revolver competition shot a bullseye, and the prize money of £100 was awarded to him. The shooting in the Ladies' Knoch and the Hongkong Rifle Association's Half-Penny Match this afternoon, at the close of which prizes will be distributed by Miss Corrington.

The Singapore *Free Press* says—

"The Tretter and Mr. Isenberger finally retired on the 28th April, and the result of the match was a draw. The events, with the lamented death of M. O'Brien and the landing of Mr. Egerton to the Singapore Municipality will cause a sweeping re-arrangement of sports arrangements for next year. It is a pity that the match was so near being over, as the match was a very interesting one, and the match was a very interesting one, and the match was a very interesting one."

In the House of Commons on the 15th March in reply to Mr. Henniker-Hunt, Mr. Harcourt said, with respect to telegraph cables, that the Government had decided to postpone the time to receive representations on the subject of the cable to India, and has endeavored to bring about a reduction, but so far without success. The charge to the cable is hoped to be reduced to 10s. 10d., and to British Guiana to 12s. 11d., but 10s. He is not aware of a general feeling of discontent, and he does not think that any useful purpose would be served by any inquiry into the question raised by the member, he is not prepared to recommend the appointment of a Royal Commission. It would seem to be entirely contrary to sound policy for the cables. At the Telegraph Conference in Budapest arrangements were made for very considerable reductions in the charges to various parts of the world. Some of these will be brought into operation by July next.

The Singapore *Free Press* says, "We learn from which Col. Chard, R.E., has been sent to India, we regret to find, cancer. The severe operation which he has undergone at Edinburgh is complete, extraneous to the disease, and it is an indication that cancer has established firmly in that region of the mouth, and that the operation is not a cure, but a relief from the pain caused by the tumor. The chance of further advance of the disease later on. We learn that there had previously been an operation of a less extensive character, and that Col. Chard, before that. In his private illness Colonel Chard must be much comforted by the solitude of the Queen, who has tolerated herself deeply in connection with the military and naval officers. Col. Chard's friends here and elsewhere will be very anxious to hear from time to time how he fares, and will all hope for a happy issue as a result of the operation, although that must be a matter of mere conjecture."

The *Edgar*, unless which was to be commissioned at Newport on 3rd April, had a steam-hoisting machine mounted on her deck; a factory two hours' steam trial after her departure. The main results were: Steam pressure, 90 lbs.; speed, 22 knots; draft, 23 ft. 6 in.; vacuum—main condenser, 28.5 in., jet 27.8 in.; exhaustors, 51 in., jet 51.7 ft. 10 in.; 10,387 ft. of water, 41 in.; speed, 22 knots. The *Edgar* will take out a new crew for the *Undeunted* cruiser, Captain J. S. Hallifax, on the China station. Capt. A. C. Clarke will have charge of the *Edgar* until she reaches Hongkong, when he will take over the *Undeunted* cruiser, with his own crew. Captain Hallifax will have charge of the *Edgar* line pango line. The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty—Staff Surgeons—William G. K. Bornea, M.D., to the *Undeunted*; to date 23rd March; John J. Dennis, M.D., to the *Undeunted*; Staff Surgeon—Cecil H. Rock, to the *Undeunted*; to date 23rd March; and Daniel J. H. McNabb, to the *Edgar*, undated. Captain—A. C. Clarke, to the *Edgar*, to date 23rd March; to the *Edgar*, undated; to the *S. J. Halifax*, to the *Edgar*, undated; Commanders—W. W. Smythe, to the *Edgar*, to date 23rd March; and M. F. Parks, to the *Undeunted*, undated. Chief Engineer—J. E. Johnson, to the *Undeunted*, to date 23rd March. Assistant Engineer (temporary)—P. A. Vanning, to the *Undeunted*; Provisionary Assistant Engineer—W. Rowe, to the *Undeunted*, to date 23rd March. Chief Steward—H. L. Stuart, to the *Edgar*, when commissioned. Engineer—Charles F. Dunn, to the *Edgar*, when commissioned.

RUBINER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."]

LONDON, 14th April.
THE EASTERN EMERGLO.
Nothing definite is known yet as to the result of the invasion of Turkey by the Greeks. The Greeks maintain that they have captured Bulfano and Bafra, and that they are advancing victoriously.
The Porte affirms that they have recrossed the frontier.

GREECE.
The Powers are parleying with Turkey on the subject of the *status quo* in Crete.

GREEK FINANCES.
Owing to the present situation the Greek exchequer is nearly exhausted and it appears that the only resource left is an internal loan, which will be only obtainable by provoking war and thus appealing to the patriotism of the people.

LONDON, 15th April.
GREECE AND TURKEY.
M. Delyannis has asked the Chamber to vote 23,000,000 drachmas for the army and navy and says that he hopes the army will be fully concentrated in a few days and capable of doing its duty.
The Greeks now admit that the invaders have recrossed the frontier and lost heavily during the retreat.
A Council of Ministers at Constantinople have had a prolonged sitting and it is believed have prepared a plan of campaign and decided on taking the offensive in the event of a fresh frontier incident.

LONDON, 16th April.
MOVEMENTS OF THE CAPE SQUADRON.
Admiral Rawson's squadron consisting of nine vessels has unexpectedly arrived at Durban. Neither the object of the visit nor the further destination of the squadron is known.

THE GREEK CREDIT VOTED.
The Greek Chambers have voted the credit of 23,000,000 drachmas for the army and navy.

TURKEY AND GREECE.
The Turkish Commander has declared that the position on the frontier is untenable and has demanded permission to enter Thessaly. The Ministers at Constantinople have acquiesced, but the Sultan's sanction is as yet awaiting.
Further severe fighting has taken place on the Greek frontier.

REIGNATION OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINES.
We are indebted to Senor de Navarro, the Spanish Consul, for a copy of the following telegram received from the Governor-General of the Philippines:
Manila, 15th April, 1897.
The resignation of General Echagüe, on account of ill health, cannot be accepted. It should be kept in hand, pending the command to accept of him, handling over the command to me.

MACAO.
[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]
Macao, 16th April.
I am sorry to say that during the past week a few cases of bubonic plague have occurred in different districts of this city. The disease has been traced to the Italian Convent, where most of the cases have occurred. Yesterday the Convent was closed and all the nuns and children were removed to Green Island.
Though the state of the public health is becoming serious the authorities are allowing the corpse of a man who died on the 10th ultimo to be kept in a Chinese coffin. In view of the fact that the disease is so prevalent, it is always the possibility of contamination of the air, and in the public welfare I hope the authorities will direct that the funeral should take place as soon as possible. It should be buried in a lane about a hundred feet from the house where this body lay, as some cases of plague have occurred and it is at least as likely that the disease should have originated there as in the Convent.
The Government should make it a rule applicable to Chinese as well as others that when a death occurs the body must be buried within twenty-four hours. Houses for indefinite periods extending over many days, and this at a time when a serious epidemic is threatening the colony, can only be described as stupid. There under the regulations laid down by the Chinese hospitals as well as private houses.
The American steam railway gallery opened here to-morrow.

THE CHINESE POSTAL SERVICE.
MEMORIAL FOR ITS ABOLITION BY THE VICEROY OF CANTON.
The following is a translation of a memorial presented to the Throne by H.E.H. Tsai Ching-lun, Viceroy of Canton:-
Although the postal service is itself a thing which it behooves us to maintain upon the people, a good many complaints have been raised respecting it, its existence is quite against law, and the revenue derived from it is insignificant. Out of consideration for the Emperor's Majesty to exercise your humanity to abolish it. The postal service was allowed to be established on the recommendation of the late King. It has been decided that the directors of the Commissioners of Customs at the Three Ports, and all the regulations which are made after those of foreign countries, were framed by Sir Robert Hart. When the regulations were brought into effect at the beginning of the first month, the feeling of the people was much excited and many merchants went to various Yamen to ask the officers to abolish the service. If we have decided that every letter not exceeding two mace and five candareens is to be charged two cents postage, such charge, I admit, is reasonable, but the postage for a letter weighing more than two mace and five candareens is to be increased to four cents, and if there is more weight the postage is to be charged. This addition

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VESSELS EXPORTED.

THE PENNOR MAIL.
P. M. steamer *Parva*, with the next month, left Singapore on the 17th instant, for, this port, via Balgoin.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
P. M. steamer *City of Rio do Janeiro*, left this port, for San Francisco for this month, Yokohama, Kobe, and Shanghai, on the 10th instant.

P. M. steamer *Persa*, with mails, left for San Francisco to the 23rd ultimo, left on, on the 10th instant for San Francisco, Kobe, Nagasaki, and Shanghai.

P. M. steamer *Coptic*, with mails, left for San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, via, Island Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and to the 1st of the next month.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

C. N. Co's steamer *Chingto*, from
 in ports, left Port Darwin on the 16th
 may be expected here on or about
 the 25th instant.
 MARCHANT STEAMERS.
 D. R. & N. Pacific steamer *Mount*
 left Portland, O., on the 7th ultimo.
 steamer *Monmouthshire* left *Victoria*,
 the port on the 7th instant.
 C. & O. steamer *Waverley* left Singapore
 on the 15th instant.
 P. steamer *Tacoma* left Tacoma for
 via Japan on the 15th instant.
 China Mutual steamer *Terran*, from
 and Liverpool, passed the Canal on
 ultimo.
 Richiers' steamer *Dorchester Richiers*,
Richiers and Hamburg, passed the
 on the 1st instant, and due at Singapore
 at the 22nd instant.
 steamer *Carmarthenhire*, from New
 at Singapore on the 17th instant, and
 expected here on or about the 23rd

China Mutual steamer *Hyson*, from Glasgow, and Liverpool, passed the 9th instant, and may be considered en route on or about the 25th instant.

G. I. steamer *Letimbro* left Bombay report on the 9th instant, and is expected on or about the 25th instant.

PASSED THE CANAL.

—2nd March—*Ghela*, *Benedick*, *Tawer*, *Cangia*, 5th March—*9th March—Marbo*, 12th March—*Tenacville*, 16th March—*Aguchi Maru*, 17th March—*Argyle*, 23rd Mar—*Benlomonat*, *Tantala*, 28th Mar—*Benledi*, 30th March—*Poseidon*, *Yarra*, *Eskdale*, *Glenloch*, *Arvidge*, 2nd April—*Gerda*, *Ocinna*, *Arvidge*.

1. *Lydia Chiles, Commonwealth, Hialeah*
 2. *9th April—Dorados, Fujikame*
 3. *April—Opacok, Prinz Heinrich,*
Green Castle.
 4. *9th April—Canton, Eriemhid,*
 5. *9th April, Balmoral, Dione,* 13th April
 6. *Angchow.*

T-OFFICE NOTICES.

Postal Guide for 1896, revised to date
 and in the *Chronicle and Directory*.
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DELIVERY closes at Post Office at
 3 p.m. or in Letter Boxes in the

The authorized List of Mails issued in
with this paper is the one published
day in our Extra, which is corrected
later hour than that given below.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.
Hemucuo.—Per Hemughan, to-day, the
instant, at 9:00 A.M.
Tarkang, to-day, the 19th
instant, at 9:00 A.M.
Hanabou, to-day, the 19th
instant, at 9:00 A.M.
Chefoo and Nowchwang.—Per
to-day, the 19th instant, at 9:00 A.M.
Amoy and Tamsui.—Per Hat-

by the Indians, at 9.00 A.M.
D. Marwarin, Hualarwin, and Cocktown
B. Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne
Langha, to-morrow, the 20th instant,
x.
Langhai.—Per Longmoon, on Wednes-
day instant, at 3.30 P.M.
be and Yokohama.—Per Arctie Maru,
Friday, the 22nd instant, at 5.00 P.M.
Kobe, Yokohama, and Japan.—Per
Friday, the 23rd instant, at 11.50 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.—Per
Apar, on Friday, the 23rd instant,
x.
Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane,
d Malacca.—Per Yamashiro Maru
the 23rd instant, at 8.30 P.M.

BY THE BRITISH PACKET

British Contract Packet *Thames* will
 call on THURSDAY, the 22nd
 of the month, for the United Kingdom
 and countries beyond, *etc* Brindisi; to the
 Continent, Netherlands India, Burnah,
 Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.
 —Posting of Prices Current and Cir-
 culars ceases.
 —Registry ceases.
 —Posting of newspapers, books, and
 mail ceases.
 —Mail closes.
 —Passengers may be posted from 11.10
 to 10 cents late fee up to 11.30 A.M.
 —Each hour they may be sent on board
 at late fee.

BY THE UNITED STATES

PACKET.
The Canadian Mail Packet *Belgic* will
be despatched on **THURSDAY**, the 22nd inst.,
for Shanghai, Japan, San Francisco,
the States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c.,
to be closed as follows:—
The Registry ceases.
The Post Office closes, but Correspondence
deposited on board the Packet with Late
Letters extra Postage until the time
ture.

**MAILS BY THE CANADIAN
PACKET.**
The Canadian Mail Packet *Empress* of
is despatched on **WEDNESDAY**,
instant, with Mails for Shanghai,
Hong Kong, Yokohama, Victoria, and
Rangoon, which will be closed to-
day.

BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
Under Contract Packet Sailed
on WEDNESDAY, the 25th
inst. Mails to the United Kingdom
and places beyond, via *Marsellais*,
Sables d'Olonne, Batavia, Bur-
ma, Madras, the Australasian Colonies
and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and
—Posting of Prices Current and Cir-
cu-lars.

Registry ceases.
 Posting of newspapers, books, and
 ceases.

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the CAPTAINS, the AGENTS, nor the
will be RESPONSIBLE for any
infracted by the OFFICERS or the CREWS
sailing Vessels during their stay in
the Harbour.—
Brit. bk., Martin Frampton—Stan.
Oil Co.
FAIRLIE, Amer. ship, Merriman—
Brit. ship, J. J. Brownell—Master.
BRISTLEY, Brit. barque, H. Williams—
Standard Oil Co.

SHIPPING IN PORT.

S. 11. *Logan*, at Hongkong
Darius, gun-vessel, 4 guns, 3,000 h.p., Com. Mac-
 Arthur, at Manila
Enbanyon, cruiser, Capt. W. W. Wilcox, at
 Singapore
Hak, gun-vessel, 3 guns, 840 h.p., Lieut.-Com.
 S. F. Barton, at Ichi-
Fitchard, gun-vessel, 6 guns, 360 h.p., Lieut.-
 Com. V. Mand, at Hongkong
Gratton, protected cruiser, 36 guns, 7,350 h.p.,
 Capt. E. P. Jones, at Amoy
Hanly, torpedo-boat, 1 gun, 4 guns, 4,000 h.p.,
 Lieut. H. C. Gillespie, at Hongkong
Hart, torpedo-boat destroyer, 2 guns, 4,000 h.p.,
 Lieut. H. F. Suckeys, at Hongkong
Hummer, storeship, Capt. Frank W. Wyley, at
 Hongkong
Imber, gun-vessel, armored cruiser, 24 guns, 5,650
 h.p., Capt. Ed. Chichester, at Nagasaki
Iphigeneia, cruiser, 17 guns, 9,000 h.p., Capt. H.
 T. Dudding, at Singapore
Linnat, gun-vessel, 6 guns, 570 h.p., Com. B. C.
 St. John, at Nagasaki
Minoru, cruiser, Capt. Jno. O. Farris, at
 Singapore
Narcissus, armored cruiser, 34 guns, 8,500 h.p.,
 Com. C. C. Cochrane, at Hongkong
Neosue, gun-vessel, 2 guns, 420 h.p., Lieut.-
 Com. St. John, at Nagasaki
Pigmy, gunboat, 8 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut.

Com. C. J. T. Dormer, at Singapore
Pique, cruiser, 22 guns, 7,000 h.p., Capt. A. C.
Carr, at Singapore

Plover, gunboat, 3 guns, 120 h.p., Lieut. Com.
 De Horsch, at Shanghai
 Rainbow, cruiser, 12 guns, 7,000 h.p., Capt. W.
 C. C. Forsyth, at Hongkong
 Rattler, cruiser, 8 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut. Hon.
 S. A. Hardinge, at Hongkong
 Redpole, gunboat, 8 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut.
 Com. E. H. Gratton, at Haikow
 Solent, torpedo mine-laying, at Hongkong
 Swift, gunboat, 8 guns, 510 h.p., Capt. Mc.
 Arthur, at Hongkong
 Tweed, gun-vessel, 3 guns, 340 h.p., at Hong-
 kong
 Undonoff, armoured cruiser, 34 guns, 5,500 h.p.,
 Capt. Halliday, at Singapore
 Victoria, mail-steaming ship, 20 guns, Com-
 modore Holland, at Hongkong
 Wirren, coast defence ship, armoured, 10 guns,
 1,000 h.p., at Hongkong

FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE
 CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.

Admiral Korniloff, Russian protected cruiser,
 36 guns, 9,000 h.p., Capt. Molot, at Nanki-
 ng
 Ad. Nakhod, Russian cruiser, armoured, cruiser, 33
 guns, 8,000 h.p., Captain Koshernoiatoff, at
 Nagasaki
 Alcont, Russian gunboat, 8 guns, 1,200 h.p.,

Alger, French protected cruiser, 30 guns, 3,254
h.p. Com. Boutet at Shanghai

Arcoun, German cruiser, 19 guns, 2,400 h.p.,
 Capt. Sawow, at Yokohama
 Aspie, French gunboat, 6 guns, 455 h.p.,
 Jourmet, at Bangkok
 Bayard, French gunboat, 36 guns, 4,500 h.p.,
 Capt. Grellier, at Macao
 Com. Fortin, at Saigon
 Bange, Portuguese galle, 3 guns, 400 h.p. Lient-
 Com. Antonio Taloja da Costa e Silva, at
 Macao
 Bobe, Russian gun-vessel, 13 guns, 1,180 h.p.,
 Capt. Molat, at Yokohama
 Boston, American cruiser, 8 guns, 4,030 h.p.,
 Capt. F. Wildes, at Hongkong
 Comets, French gunboat, 6 guns, 450 h.p.,
 Saigon, at Saigon
 Cormoran, German cruiser, 12 guns, 2,700 h.p.,
 Capt. Brunsatt, at Nagasaki
 Dimitri Donosky, Russian armoured cruiser, 34
 guns, 7,800 h.p., Com. Witkoff, at Chi Pu
 Eclair, Russian gunboat, 2 guns, 2,060 h.p.,
 Captain Tixier, at Saigon
 Effraie, French cruiser, 23 guns, 2,854 h.p.,
 Capt. Delort, at Chaulapou
 Guillaume, Russian torpedo boat, 18 guns, 3,500
 h.p., Capt. Serebrennikoff, at Nagasaki
 Groenland, Russian armoured cruiser, 12 guns,
 2,000 h.p., Capt. Melnikoff, at Shanghai
 Imperator Nicolai I, Russian flagship, 38 guns,
 8,000 h.p., Capt. Fockersmann, at Yham

Kaiser, German flagship, 26 guns, 7,803 h.p.,

Capt. Zey, at Nagasaki.
Kaiser Franz Joseph I., Austrian cruiser, Capt.
Von Yodanis, at Amoy.
Koninkrijk, Wilhelmina, Netherlands cruiser,
Capt. Meijer, at Shanghai.
Korostat, Russian cruiser, 14 guns, 1,600 h.p.
Capt. Chaykovsky, at:
Korostat, Russian cruiser, 6 guns, 2,150 h.p.
Capt. Luidestroom, at Yokohama.
Kroyser, Russian cruiser, 12 guns, 1,800 h.p.
Capt. De Romelsholt, at Nagasaki.
Lion, French gunboat, 6 guns, 600 h.p. Capt.
Papais, at Saigon.
Machius, Amr. gunboat, 6 guns, 1,575 h.p., Com.
at Amoy.
Mandjour, Russian cruiser, 14 guns, 1,400 h.p.
Capt. Kachaloff, at Nagasaki.
Monowemy, Amr. cruiser, 6 guns, 830 h.p.
Capt. O. H. Farnholt, at Shanghai.
Naryezhdin, Russian cruiser, 14 guns, 1,800 h.p.
Capt. O. G. Gubert, at Yokohama.
Olympia, American flag ship, 14 guns, 17,315 h.p.
Capt. J. J. Read, at Hongkong.
Orvany, Russian armored cruiser, 12 guns,
2,500 h.p., Capt. Radloff, at Nagasaki.
Pamiatnyye, Russian armored cr., 56 guns,
2,000 h.p., Com. Virnitus, at Nagasaki.
Panther, Austrian cruiser, 12 guns, 3,000 h.p.
Capt. Kloppel, at Shanghai.

Pluvier, French gunboat, 1 gun, 500 h.p., Com.
Vedel, at Bangkok
Reinhard Wilhelm, German cruiser, 20 guns.

8,000 h.p., Capt. Thale, at Kobe
Narik. Russian flagships, 41 guns, 13,500 h.p.
Com. Rodionoff, at Nagasaki

Silatoh, Russian gunboat, 4 guns, 1,290 h.p.
C. Harwood, at Vladivostok

Sivuchah, Russian gunboat, 13 guns, 1,600 h.p.
Capt. Astronoff, at Tientsin

Triumphante, French armored cor., 24 guns,
4,200 h.p., Capt. B., de Broville, at Saigon

Viper, Russian gunboat, 6 guns, 427 h.p., Capt.
Constable, at Bangkok

Vostoek Russian torpedo gunboat, 4 guns, 650
h.p., Com. Molochovskiy, at Vladivostok

Vasnetzk, Russian torpede-boat, 15 guns, 3,500
h.p., Com. Gerasimov, at Moscow

Yakovlev, Russian gunboat, 16 guns, 890 h.p.,
at Vladivostok

Yorktown, Amr. gunboat, 6 guns, 3,392 h.p.
Com. Stockton, at Nagasaki

Zabinski, Russian cruiser, 12 guns, 2,600 h.p.
Capt. Vandurskuy, at Shanghai

Zaregora, Mexican cruiser, 8 guns, 1,200 h.p.
Capt. Monasterio, at Singapore

RUSSIAN TORPEDO FLOTILLA.
(See going.)

Dorgo, 3 guns, 1,100 h.p.

Rovel, 3 guns, 780 h.p.

Swaborg, 3 guns, 780 h.p.

(See about)

Forel, 1 gun, 220 h.p.
Jantchiche, 4 guns, 970 h.p.

Norgen, 4 guns, 2,200 lb.
Norvelt, 4 guns, 2,200 lb.
Potoroak 1 gun, 220 lb.
Salk, 1 gun, 220 lb.
Skorpion, 1 gun, 220 lb.
Soothena, 4 guns, 370 lb.
Stridid, 1 gun, 220 lb.
Strauss, 1 gun, 220 lb.
Sugarc, 4 guns, 1,600 lb.
Usuri, 4 guns, 1,800 lb.

**SPANISH SQUADRON AT THE
PHILIPPINES ISLANDS.**

Argos, in Commission, 508 tons, 600 h. p., 2
guns, Com. R. Cabanas.
Cachalot, 1,000 tons, 2,600 h. p., 32 guns,
Com. A. Martin de Oliva.
Cebu, troopship, 532 tons, 600 h. p., 2 guns,
Lieut. A. Bayerra.
Don Antonio de Ulloa, cruiser, 1,160 tons, 1,523
h. p., 13 guns, Com. J. de Hebeort.
Don Juan de Austria, cruiser, 1,159 tons, 1,523
h. p., 13 guns, Com. J. de la Concha.
Eleano, gunboat, 360 tons, 600 h. p., 7 guns,
Lieut. Com. F. Resendiz.
General Alava, troopship, 1,240 tons, 1,600 h. p.,
4 guns, Lieut. Com. R. Rodriguez Trujillo.
General Lezo, gunboat, 320 tons, 600 h. p., 6
guns, Lieut. Com. E. Benavente.

Isla de Luzon, protected cruiser, 1,948 tons,
2,200 h.p., 10 guns, Com. F. Barreto.
Isla de Cuba, protected cruiser, 1,948 tons.

2,000 h.p., 10 guns, Com. D. Regalado.
Maxilla, troopship, 1,000 tons, 750 h.p., 2 guns.
Lieut.-Com. J. J. Ozamiz.
Marques del Duero, gunboat, 500 tons, 550 h.p.,
5 guns, Lieut.-Com. S. Moreno de Gorriza.
Reina Cristina, cruiser, 3,500 tons, 3,972 h.p.,
21 guns, Capt. L. Galdames.
Velasco, cruiser, 1,152 tons, 1,500 h.p., 7 guns,
Com. F. Rebolui.

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